

A. P. A. AND POLITICS.

Supreme President Traynor Says His Order Will Decide the Next Presidential Contest.

DETROIT, Mich., April 4.—W. H. J. Traynor, supreme president of the American Protective association, has issued a circular to the order at large upon the political situation. President Traynor declares that the A. P. A. has a cinch upon the presidential situation, and presents an exhaustive plan for the complete political organization of the order, from the primaries up. He urges the various state councils to send their representatives to the supreme council, which meets next month at Washington, pledged to such reforms as the subordinate members of the order most desire, thus avoiding the danger of strong partisans from using the order for their own ends. He makes a strong protest against the Marquette statue and especially warns the order to oppose the resolution of Congressman Morse, of Massachusetts, "Acknowledging Almighty God as the source of all power and authority in civil government, our Lord Jesus Christ as the ruler of nations and His revealed will as the supreme authority in civil affairs." This, he says, is a remarkable and dangerous proposal to place the affairs of state in the hands of the church. The writer concludes with the declaration that the Venezuelan war scare was a misleading campaign dodge and that the Cuban and Armenian agitations while advocated by those who were sincere, were mere subterfuges to kill time until after the presidential elections and distract the attention of the people from proposed and much needed national measures of reform.

HEAVY FAILURES.

The List for the Last Quarter Larger Than Ever Reported for a Like Period.

NEW YORK, April 4.—According to Bradstreet's Financial Review the first quarter of 1896 presents the largest list of actual commercial and industrial failures in business in the United States, those in which liabilities exceed assets, ever reported for a like period. The total (including financial institutions) is 4,512, or 700 more than in a like portion of 1895; 543 more than in 1894, and 1,443 more than in the first quarter of 1893, increases of 18.11 and 47 per cent. respectively. The largest preceding like total, 4,050, was reported in 1885. Liabilities of those failing this year amount to \$62,513,000, an increase of 30 per cent., as compared with a year ago; 27 per cent., as compared with the first quarter of 1894, and 60 per cent., as contrasted with three years ago.

Business failures in Canada number 781 for the past quarter, against 551 in the first quarter of 1895; with total liabilities of \$5,375,000, against \$4,353,000 last year.

A MADMAN'S ACT.

Kills His Wife and Mother-in-Law Then Attempts Suicide.

CLINTON, Ill., April 4.—At 4:30 yesterday afternoon this city was thrown into the wildest excitement by a double murder and attempted suicide. Ed Polen, formerly employed at the Illinois Central railroad in this city, murdered his wife, formerly Miss Myrtle Green, and his mother-in-law Mrs. McMullen, and then attempted suicide by throwing himself in front of an eastbound freight train. Jealousy is given as his reason for committing the horrible deed. Last night a great crowd of excited citizens assembled in front of the jail, but Mayor McGill addressed them and said Polen would die of his injuries, and the crowd finally dispersed. It was rumored late at night that Polen was taken to Decatur for safe keeping. The jail is heavily guarded and no reporters are allowed near it, however.

A GRAND MONUMENT.

Bill Introduced to Commemorate the Services of Private Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Congressman Watson, of Ohio, introduced a bill in congress yesterday appropriating \$250,000 for a monument to be erected in Washington to commemorate the services and achievements of private soldiers and non-commissioned officers and enlisted men of the navy during the late war. "There are many monuments in Washington erected to the memory of union officers of the army and navy distinguished in the late war of the rebellion," said Mr. Watson, "but there is no monument erected to the memory of private soldiers and non-commissioned officers of the army, or enlisted men in the navy, who served in the cause of the union during the war. There is a so-called peace monument here, but that is not commemorative of the deeds of the common soldiers of the war."

TO HONOR AMERICANS.

Venezuela Will Erect a Third Statue to Honor of Uncle Sam.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—President Crespo, of Venezuela, has taken another step toward the conspicuous honoring of American citizens by issuing a decree directing the erection of a bronze column in honor of the citizens of the United States who aided Venezuela in the first struggle for independence. The decree has just been received at the Venezuelan legation here. Venezuela has honored this government heretofore by erecting a statue of Washington and projecting another statue to President Monroe commemorative of the Monroe doctrine, so that the erection of this bronze column is a further evidence of the friendly feeling existing.

Ten Millions for the Rivers.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The river and harbor appropriation bill was finished today by the house committee which has been working on it most of the session. The total amount carried by that bill is a few thousand less than \$10,000,000, or about \$1,000,000 below the bill of the last congress.

Sixteen Were Drowned.

BOONVILLE, Ky., April 4.—The cloud-burst on Little Sexton and Buffalo creeks did more damage than at first reported. Instead of four, there were probably 16 drowned.

REVIEW OF TRADE.

The Improvement Expected With Spring Weather Beginning.

NEW YORK, April 4.—E. G. Dunn & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: The improvement expected with spring weather begins, though in some branches of business scarcely visible. As consumers make spring purchases they must lessen stocks and compel buying. The stocks taken in advance of last summer's demands have been distributed far more slowly than was expected but months of waiting have helped to lessen the load which it is hoped spring buying will clear away. The backward season has been a hindrance, as has also been the number of hands unemployed in important industries, and the low prices of farm products. Appreciation of foreign financial difficulties has hindered, but is now scarcely felt. Gold exports are rumored, but at this season are so far natural that they have no such power to cause alarm as they had in winter. The gigantic steel combination is expected to have a great influence in sustaining markets and stimulating confidence, and though such operations often miss the success they seek, they rarely fail to kindle speculative buying for a time. The woolen manufacture does not gain in orders and a large part of the machinery has stopped. Prices of wool have fallen 74 per cent. The average of 14 quotations being 13.60. Cotton mills still pile up goods in advance of orders, as reduction in prices have failed as yet to stimulate buying. Cotton continues to come forward so largely that former predictions of 4,500,000 bales are remembered with derision and the outlook for the next crop continues good.

Wheat has slightly advanced and if late reports of injury from extensive frosts and storms prove correct will advance more, though western receipts continue nearly 80 per cent. larger than last year, and for five weeks past have been 13,835,410 bushels, against 8,811,372 last year, while Atlantic exports have been only 4,733,132 bushels, flour included, against 8,485,701 last year. Corn exports are larger and receipts also heavy, but pork has declined 75 cents per barrel.

MOST FIENDISH TORTURE.

Insurgents Strung Up for Days at a Time by Cuban Spaniards.

CLEVELAND, O., April 4.—The stories than have been told concerning the tortures inflicted by the Spaniards in Cuba are more than confirmed by Mr. F. H. Taylor, who has just arrived in this city, after a residence of three years in Havana. In answer to inquiries regarding the truth of the circulated reports he said: "The worst has not been told. I have known of prisoners being strung up by the thumbs at Moro castle and left for days at a time to the mercy of the vicious flies, which were attracted in swarms by molasses, smeared upon the victim's face and chest for that purpose. Many other forms of torture are practiced upon the unfortunate rebels when taken. These outrages against humanity do occur, as any citizen of Havana can testify. In fact, if they would allow some of those persecuted wretches in the Cuban dungeons to testify, stories of fiendish torture could be unearthed which would shock the Christian world."

EXPERT TESTIMONY.

Frank James Tells How to Proceed to Stop Train Robbing.

ST. LOUIS, April 4.—Frank James, a brother of the famous bandit, Jesse James, when asked his opinion of the St. Louis & San Francisco train robbery, said: "When a man engages in the train robbery business he is badly in need of money and will take desperate chances to secure it. All this talk about some men having no sense of fear, and especially when they are making a raid on a train, is all nonsense. I have been in some pinches and there were times when I realized fear, but there was nothing to do but to fight my way out. I am opposed to train robbery and the only way it will ever be stopped is to have armed guards on each train. Two or three would be sufficient, but they should be well armed and be encased in a steel cage of some kind."

THREE INSTANTLY KILLED.

A Terrible Explosion Occurs in the Giles Mine at Ward, Col.

WARD, Col., April 4.—A terrible explosion occurred yesterday in the Giles mine, 1 1/4 miles from this city, in which three men were instantly killed and two others badly hurt. The dead are: James Purmort, married, Mart Branson and Grant Rice. The injured: Jack Gallagher and Louis Smith. When the men went to work they took about 50 pounds of giant powder down in the mine with them, and shortly after they reached the bottom of the shaft and went to work the powder in some unknown way exploded. Purmort and Branson were blown to shreds. This is the fourth fatal explosion in the Giles mine.

INDORSED GOV. STONE.

Democrats at Nevada, Mo., Want Their Chief Executive for President.

NEVADA, Mo., April 4.—Returns from the several democratic township conventions in this county, to select delegates to the county convention to be held here to select delegates to the Sedalia convention, so far as heard from, have selected solid silver delegations and instructed for Gov. W. J. Stone as a delegate-at-large to Chicago. Walker, Harwood and Schell City, the largest towns in the county outside of Nevada, indorsed Gov. Stone for president. The county convention today will, without doubt, be solidly for free coinage at sixteen to one ratio.

BOYS EIGHT DAYS ADRIFT.

Their Father, a Schooner Captain, Died in Mid Atlantic, Leaving Them Alone.

CADIZ, Spain, April 4.—On February 18 the schooner Robin Hood, 70 tons register, Capt. Dingle, left St. Johns, Newfoundland for Lisbon with only three persons on board—the captain and his two small sons. Capt. Dingle died when the little craft was in mid Atlantic and the two children were alone eight days on board the Robin Hood with the body of their father. They were picked up and the vessel towed to this port by the British schooner Janning.

Tried to Garrote His Doctor.

BURLINGTON, Ia., April 4.—When Dr. Birch called to see William Layton the patient became wildly insane and with superhuman strength attempted to garrote the doctor with a clothline. Three police officers overpowered Layton and placed him in straps and he was sent to the asylum.

Political Prisoners Shot.

TAMPA, Fla., April 4.—Letters received from Cuba state that last Wednesday 17 political prisoners were shot in the fortress Cabanas, in Havana, and that 25 were to be executed Wednesday.

CONGRESS.

The Week's Proceedings Given in Condensed Form.

THE post office appropriation bill was considered in the senate on the 31st, but was not completed. A sharp debate on mail subsidies occurred. Mr. Wilson opposing an extension of the subsidy system and Messrs. Perkins and White (Cal.) upholding it. Mr. George afterwards spoke in opposition to Mr. Dupont's claim to a seat. The house spent the day considering the sundry civil appropriation bill, a determined effort being made by some of the southern representatives to strike from the bill the appropriation for the pay of internal revenue informers, which is obnoxious to people in the "moonshine" districts, but it was not successful.

The senate on the 1st completed the post office appropriation bill, with the exception of the ocean mail subsidy item which caused an animated discussion. Mr. George spoke on the Dupont election case and Mr. Pepper gave notice that he would move to take up his resolution for an inquiry into the recent bond issue on the morning, Mr. Butler (N. C.) introduced a bill requiring the acceptance of current legal tender funds in payment of notes, bonds or private obligations. Mr. Call (Fla.) introduced a resolution to immediately use a United States naval force to protect Americans in Cuba from atrocities and for humane reasons in general. The resolution went over. The house practically completed the consideration of the sundry civil bill. Mr. Blue (rep.), of Kansas, made some indirect charges against the board of managers of the soldiers' home and Mr. Steele, of Indiana, replied to them.

The senate on the 2d considered the post office appropriation bill, and the propriety of abolishing country post offices and absorbing them as branches of city offices was warmly debated. Mr. George closed his three days' speech on the Dupont election case. Mr. Feiliger reported the Indian appropriation bill and gave notice that he would call it up on the 5th. Mr. Lodge introduced a bill to charge monthly publications the same rate of postage as weekly publications, and Mr. Sherman introduced one providing for the use of a uniform flag by the army and navy after the year 1900.

The sundry civil appropriation bill was passed in the house after a warm debate of four hours over an appropriation of \$2,000 for the Howard university, a colored institution of Washington, the contention being that it was an appropriation for sectarian purposes. The house voted, 139 to 105, to retain the appropriation.

The senate was not in session on the 3d. In the house Mr. Hitt, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, presented the conference report on the Cuban constitution bill, in the course of his speech said that he did not think President Cleveland would "be so recreant to his duty as to disregard the expressed wish of congress" as to recognizing the belligerency of the insurgents. Mr. Patterson argued that if the United States would interfere to prevent Spain from acquiring new territory in this hemisphere we should prevent her from retaining territory by subjugation. The debate was not concluded. Many private pension bills were passed at the night session.

INSPECTION OF IMMIGRANTS.

Astonishing Facts Brought Out in the House Discussion on the Measure.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Representative Danford, of Ohio, yesterday reported to the house from the immigration committee the Stone bill providing for the inspection of immigrants by United States consuls. The object of the measure, says the report, is to enforce existing laws and such laws as may hereafter be passed by congress restricting immigration. Statistics show, says the report, that with a foreign population of 14.77 per cent, more than half of our white penitentiary convicts and more than half of the white inmates of our poor houses are foreigners, and prove that of the immigrants coming here during the past few years too many of them are deficient in morals and are incapable, physically, of self-support. The bill does not add to the excluded list of immigrants.

OUTLOOK FOR TOBACCO.

It Is Predicted That the Cuban War Will Advance the Price.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 3.—Mr. Charles Dittman, of the wholesale tobacco firm of Dittman & Vonnell, of this city, has returned from a trip to Havana and does not take a rosy view of the situation in Cuba. He said yesterday the outlook for the tobacco interest is most discouraging. Though manufacturers in this country could miss a whole crop without great drawbacks, Mr. Dittman says the effect of the war will presently be felt in a material advance in price. The stock lying here at present is sufficient to check any sudden increase and it has been supplemented by the addition of inferior grades during speculation. In the open market Havana prices have advanced about 20 per cent. in the past six months.

Could Not Violate His Oath.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 3.—Because he could not choose between the A. P. A. and his Catholic sweetheart, John Schweitzer, of this city, committed suicide by shooting. Schweitzer was engaged to be married to Miss Lullie Scherzinger, but had often told her that he was an A. P. A. and was prevented by his oath from marrying a Catholic. He asked Miss Scherzinger to abandon her religion. This she declined to do, but said she would marry him, even though he were a bigot.

Immigration on the Increase.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The immigration officials are somewhat disturbed at the present enormous increase in immigration. During February the number of arrivals at New York aggregated 11,522, an increase of about 65 per cent. over the arrivals during February, 1895. The class now coming to this country is said to be altogether undesirable, even while entitled to admission under a strict construction of the immigration laws.

Ives Wins Again.

NEW YORK, April 3.—The fourth game of the international billiard tournament, at 18-inch ball line, was played last night in the Madison Square Garden Concert hall. The contestants were Frank C. Ives and Albert Garner. Ives won the game. His average was 50 and his highest run 164.

The Public Debt Statement.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The monthly statement of the public debt issued by the treasury department shows the debt, less cash in the treasury on March 31, to have been \$942,342,253, an increase over last month of \$3,274,780, which is accounted for by an increase of \$14,200,523 in the amount of bonds delivered during the month, payment for which had been made previously.

A Boiler Explosion.

RICHLAND CENTER, Wis., April 4.—At Lloyd, 15 miles east of here, yesterday afternoon, Charles Eastland and William Keith were instantly killed by the explosion of a boiler.

CAPTURED A SHARK.

And Found in Its Maw a Paper Addressed to Himself.

"One afternoon, when we were in the Indian ocean," said the captain, "I noticed a shark swimming round the ship, and I didn't like it a bit. You know the superstition to the effect that a following shark presages the death of one of the ship's company. He sailed round us all the next day, and the next after that, and I determined to catch him, and quell my uneasiness. We baited a hook, and after a short time, captured and killed him. Then we cut him up. Do you know what we found in that shark's inside? No? Well, a newspaper, unopened; and it will surprise you, as it did me, when I tell you that it was addressed to me."

A shout of great laughter went up from the captain's audience, who winked at each other unblushingly. He, however, took all the bantering in good part, and when the jeers were ended he said:

"Now, gentlemen, I'll tell you how it happened. I found that my children had been skylarking the day before in the cabin. They found among the mass of reading they had brought aboard some unopened newspapers addressed to me. They had been throwing these newspapers at each other, and one of them went out of the porthole. The shark saw it, of course, and gobbled it down; and that was how it happened. Now, gentlemen, judge for yourselves the truth of my story."—London Answers.

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THE Rack, the Thumb-screw and the Boot Were old fashioned instruments of torture long since abandoned, but there is a tormentor who still continues to agonize the joints, muscles and nerves of many of us. The rheumatism, that inveterate foe to daily and nightly comfort, may be conquered by the timely and steady use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which likewise eradicates neuralgia, biliousness, malarial, bowel, stomach and nerve complaints.

LADY CUSTOMER in china shop—"Do you break these sets?" Dealer—"No, madam; the purchasers' servants usually attend to that."—Tit-Bits.

Bon—"Say, ain't you going to stand there? I thought you had money to burn." Dick—"I should have if you would furnish the draft."—Boston Transcript.

Of what use are forms, seeing at times they are empty! Of the same use as barrels, which are at times empty, too.—Hare.

A BITTER and perplexed "What shall I do?" is worse to man than worst necessity.—Coleridge.

In sleep, when fancy is let loose to play, our dreams repeat the wishes of the day.—Claudian.

In advertising "continuous" is the word. Plunges are rarely successful.—Brains.

THE GENERAL MARKET.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 4.
CATTLE—Best heavy..... 3 30 @ 4 10
Stockers..... 3 40 @ 3 80
Native cows..... 2 10 @ 3 00
HOGS—Choice to heavy..... 3 10 @ 3 70
WHEAT—No. 2 red..... 74 @ 74
CORN—No. 2 hard..... 25 1/2 @ 32
OATS—No. 2 mixed..... 15 @ 17
RICE—No. 2..... 33 @ 34
FLOUR—Patent, per sack..... 1 00 @ 2 10
Fancy..... 1 75 @ 1 85
HAY—Choice timothy..... 11 00 @ 11 50
Fancy prairie..... 5 00 @ 7 10
BRAN—(Sacked)..... 41 @ 42
BUTTER—Choice creamery..... 20 @ 22
CHEESE—Full cream..... 10 1/2 @ 12 1/2
EGGS—Choice..... 14 @ 15
POTATOES..... 25 @ 25

ST. LOUIS.
CATTLE—Native and shipping..... 2 25 @ 2 25
Texas..... 2 75 @ 3 85
HOGS—Heavy..... 3 30 @ 3 75
SHEEP—Fair to choice..... 3 40 @ 3 80
FLOUR—Choice..... 2 70 @ 3 85
WHEAT—No. 2 red..... 68 @ 69 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed..... 25 1/2 @ 26 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed..... 18 1/2 @ 19 1/2
RICE—No. 2..... 31 @ 36
BUTTER—Creamery..... 18 @ 22
LARD—Western steam..... 8 1/2 @ 8 75
PORK..... 8 1/2 @ 8 25

CHICAGO.
CATTLE—Common to prime..... 3 00 @ 4 00
HOGS—Packing and shipping..... 3 75 @ 4 00
SHEEP—Fair to choice..... 2 75 @ 3 81
FLOUR—Winter wheat..... 3 30 @ 3 40
WHEAT—No. 2 red..... 65 1/2 @ 66
CORN—No. 2..... 25 1/2 @ 26 1/2
OATS—No. 2..... 18 1/2 @ 19 1/2
RICE..... 31 1/2 @ 31
BUTTER—Creamery..... 19 @ 20
LARD..... 8 00 @ 8 07 1/2
PORK..... 8 25 @ 8 50

NEW YORK.
CATTLE—Native Steers..... 4 00 @ 4 20
HOGS—Good to Choice..... 4 00 @ 4 40
FLOUR—Good to choice..... 3 50 @ 3 55
WHEAT—No. 2 red..... 74 1/2 @ 75 1/2
CORN—No. 2..... 27 @ 27 1/2
OATS—No. 2..... 25 @ 25 1/2
BUTTER—Creamery..... 17 @ 22
PORK—Mess..... 9 50 @ 10 00

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GLORY is like a circle in the water, which never ceaseth to enlarge itself, till by broad spreading it dispense to naught.—Shakespeare.

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A DEFINITION.—"What is a critic?" "He is a man who rips things to pieces without knowing how to put them together again."—Chicago Record.

I COULD not get along without Piso's Cure for Croup, Croup, it always cures.—Mrs. E. C. Moulton, Needham, Mass., Oct. 23, '94.

THOUGH plunged inills and exercised in care, yet never let the noble mind despair.—Phillips.

A Dose in Time Saves Nine of Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar for Coughs, Pike's Toothache Drops Cure in one minute.

GUIDE your hearts with silent fortitude, suffering yet hoping all things.—Mrs. Hemans.

PLATTERY is often a traffic of mutual meanness, where, although parties intend deception, neither is deceived.—Colton.

THE Bible tells the sluggard to go to the ant, but in these days most of them go to the father-in-law.—Atlanta Constitution.

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